

Appl. No. 11/707,842
Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant respectfully requests that the above-listed amendments to the claims of the present Application be entered prior to consideration of the Application on the merits. Due to these amendments, originally-filed claims 1-3 have been cancelled and claims 4-23 are newly-added. It is the Applicant's belief that the new claims are supported by the Specification and that these amendments do not involve the addition of new matter to the Application (for example, with respect to independent claim 4, support for certain limitations of that claim can be found in the Specification at page 11, line 13 et seq.; further for example with respect to claims 18 and 19, support for certain limitations of those claims can be found at page 28, lines 19 through page 29, line 29).

In view of these amendments, the Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the present Application. No fees are believed due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. The Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below if it is believed that discussion with the Applicant could advance the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully,



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